

# GRAUSTARK

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Special Promotional Issue

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This issue of GRAUSTARK, the oldest postal Diplomacy publication, is going to persons who are or might be interested in the play of Diplomacy by mail. Diplomacy, which was invented in 1959 by Allan Calhamer, takes place on a map of Europe as it was in 1914. Each player takes the part of one of the seven major powers, and engages in war and diplomatic maneuvering. As play proceeds, players form alliances or break them with an eye to controlling neutral or enemy supply centers. A new army or fleet may be raised with each new supply center. The player who obtains a majority of the total number of armies and fleets wins.

Diplomacy lends itself well to postal play. The players mail their moves to the Gamesmaster, who sees which moves are possible and publishes a bulletin on the course of the play. Players also send in news releases.

Diplomacy sets may be bought at any large department store; in New York City they can be obtained from F. A. O. Schwartz. The price of a set is \$7.50. If sets are not available in your area, they can be ordered by mail from Games Research Inc., 48 Wareham Street, Boston, Mass. 02118.

Diplomacy rule books can be bought for \$1.00 each, and maps for 5¢ each, from John Boardman, 592 16th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11218. Postal Diplomacy bulletins, at 10 issues for \$1.00, are:

GRAUSTARK and FREDONIA, John Boardman, address above.

Ruritania, Dave McDaniel, 5852 Arbor Vita Street, Los Angeles, Calif. 90045.

Worldip, Bruce Pelz, Box 100, 308 Westwood Plaza, Los Angeles, Calif. 90024.

Brodingnag, Dick Schultz, 19159 Helen, Detroit, Mich. 48234.

Back issues of GRAUSTARK (#s 15-30) and FREDONIA (#s 1-6) are available from their publisher at 5¢ each. A sample copy of one of these bulletins comes to you with this issue of GRAUSTARK. An analysis of the FREDONIA game by Calhamer appears in FREDONIA #6, so this bulletin will be particularly interesting to the beginning player. The rules of postal Diplomacy are also available for 5¢.

A new postal Diplomacy game is now being organized by John W. Smythe, 621 East Prospect, Girard, Ohio. The entry fee is \$2.00. According to the usual notation, this will be game 1964D.

A new player will find that playing over the games described in these bulletins is a good way to gain familiarity with the strategy and tactics of Diplomacy. Analyses of play by Calhamer and the Gamesmasters appear frequently in the bulletins. The above-mentioned publications appear about every two weeks, except for Worldip, which is weekly.

The OPERATION AGITATION colophon to the right also appears on KNOWABLE, a science-fiction fanzine, and on POINTING VECTOR, an amateur journal of fact and opinion. Send 25¢ for a sample copy, or \$1.00 for a five-issue subscription, to John Boardman, 592 16th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11218.

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